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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Teresa M. Bonk

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. (US Patent 5,682,927) in view of Ericsson (US Patent 3,125,326) and further in view of Kaminski et al. (US Patent 6,654,894). Takahashi et al. discloses a motor-driven reinforcing bar binder comprising a binding wire feeding mechanism (6) that feeds a binding wire so as to be wound around a reinforcing bar and a binding wire twisting mechanism (11) that grasps and twists the binding line wound around the reinforcing bar so as to bind the reinforcing bar. Ericsson discloses a cooling fan (30) device provided within a housing. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a cooling fan in Takahashi et al.'s binding device in order to cool the motor during operation, Column 2, lines 55-56.

Kaminski et al. discloses a fan driving control unit (310) that on-off controls the cooling fan device (100) wherein the fan driving control unit drives the cooling fan device based on temperature, Column 2, lines 55+ - Column 3, lines 1-6; Column 4, lines 1+. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide temperature based fan driving control in order to save energy, lower manufacturing costs, and allow optimal thermal performance, Column 3, lines 7-38.

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2, 3, and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 6-11 are allowed.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and further show the state of the art: US PGPUB 2004/0206251.

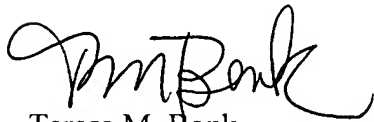
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Teresa M. Bonk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1901.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Banks Derris can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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